

EOA Scholarship Handbook 2021



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ASSOCIATION

A Midwest Association of TRIO and College Access
and Success Professionals

General Guidelines for Staff and Nominators

- Nominators must be able to use a Gmail Account (professional or personal) to upload their nomination. *Don't have a Gmail account? Create a Gmail account [here](#).*
- Nominations should be uploaded into the Google Form **by the nominator**. It is highly advised that applicants gather all of their necessary application materials and have it ready when the nominator completes the Google Form.
- **All nominators must be fully paid EOA members as of the scholarship deadline (February 1) and will be required to add their membership expiration date and member number in the Google Form. **Directions on finding your expiration date and member can be found [here](#).****
- The nominator must submit the nominator essay, student essay, unofficial transcripts, and income verification* in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be reviewed. If you are unsure how to save a document as a .pdf or image, see directions [here](#).
*income verification is only required for the Silas Purnell Scholarship
- The nominator will receive a pop-up confirmation of submission.
- The EOAF Board Chair will mail scholarship checks in September of award year to the institution. Enrollment must be verified by the scholarship winner.
- Only scholarship recipients are required to upload a photo and will be required to complete a photo waiver form.

Number of Applications Allowed

Each EOA member may nominate up to **two** students per scholarship.

- **INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:** You have the privilege of nominating a student for an EOA Scholarship if you are a designee listed with the institutional membership

How to Apply

EOA scholarships (other than James B. Hamilton and Thomas G. Mortenson Student Research) Application: <https://forms.gle/64FeL5pbdEfXiQAb7>

James B. Hamilton and Thomas G. Mortenson Student Research Application: <https://forms.gle/EjDsxF2jY2ZEBdtm7>

*****Have everything ready for Google Form, you will not be able to save and return*****

You will need to submit a separate application for each nomination.

Scholarship Deadline-EOA scholarships are due **February 1 at 5:00 pm CST**.

EAAF Scholarship Rotation

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cantale	N/A	MN	MKN	OH	WI	IL	IN	IA	MI
Ganges	MI	MN	MKN	OH	WI	IL	IN	IA	MI
Pruitt	IN	MI	MKN	OH	WI	IL	IN	IA	MI
Purnell	WI/IL	IN/IA	MI/MN	MKN/OH	WI/IL	IN/IA	MI/MN	MKN/OH	WI/IL
Mitchem/McNair	IL/MKN	MN/OH	WI/IN	IA/MI	IL/MKN	MN/OH	WI/IN	IA/MI	IL/MKN

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Do I have to be a member of EOA to nominate a student for a scholarship?

Yes. Check with the EOA Membership chair or your chapter's membership chair for assistance. If you are not a member you still have time. Visit www.eoa.org.

2. If my institution has a membership for the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE). Does that mean I am also a member of the Educational Opportunity Association (EOA)?

No. Your EOA membership is separate from COE. Check with your chapter association if you are not sure.

3. Can I nominate a student for a scholarship if my institution has an EOA Institutional membership?

Maybe. You have the privilege of nominating a student for an EOA Scholarship if you are a designee listed with the institutional membership. If you are not sure, contact the EOA Membership chair or your chapter's membership chair for assistance.

4. Can I nominate more than 1 student for each scholarship?

Yes. As an EOA member you can nominate up to 2 students per scholarship.

5. Can I nominate a student from a GEAR-UP program for an EOA Scholarship?

Yes. All nominators must be from a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program and be a member of the Educational Opportunity Association.

6. Can I nominate adult learners for a scholarship if they do not have a grade point average?

Yes. Review the eligibility criteria for each scholarship. Some have waived the GPA requirement for adult learners.

7. Will scholarship checks be mailed to the students?

No. Once students verify their fall enrollment, checks are mailed to the institution by September 15.

8. Does a student have to be enrolled full-time to receive the scholarship?

Yes. In the upcoming fall semester/quarter, recipients are expected to be enrolled as a full-time student. In unique situations, the foundation may approve a reduction in course-load. Students should make this appeal in the space provided on the enrollment verification survey.

9. What happens when a scholarship recipient is designated as a semi-finalist?

Each chapter submits a semi-finalists application for review. The EOA Scholarship chair will assign applications to the scholarship chair in each chapter for review and selection of the final recipient for that scholarship.

2021 Scholarships

EOA Board of Directors Scholarship – ALL

Overview

EOA Board scholarships are sponsored by the EOA Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective chapters.

Chapter scholarship committees select the recipients and the scholarships are awarded by EOA Foundation (EOAF). The number of EOA Board Scholarships varies each year, depending on financial resources. EOA Board Scholarships are non-renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs. This award is non-renewable.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to each state within the EOA region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin). Ten \$1,000.00 scholarships are available.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be a current **pre-college** TRIO/EOP student within the EOA region;
2. Be a **graduating high school senior** with anticipated **full time** enrollment in an accredited two or four-year post-secondary institution;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular or community activities.

The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Education Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. Your co-curricular and/or community involvement.
 3. Why the EOA Board of Directors Scholarship is important to you.

Emerging Leaders Scholarship – ALL

Overview

The Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) Scholarship fund was established in collaboration with the EOA Emerging Leaders Institute and the EOA Foundation (EOAF). Since 2002, select EOA ELI cohorts have fundraised each year for student scholarships. One student in the EOA region will be awarded \$1000.00 toward their educational needs. Each Chapter Scholarship Committee will select a semi-finalist for their respective chapter. The EOA Scholarship Committee will have a panel of readers to select the finalist for the current year award. This award is non-renewable.

Award

One award of \$1,000 to an EOA recipient. Each Chapter may select a **semifinalist** (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin). This is a one time, non-renewable scholarship.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP student within the EOA region;
2. Be enrolled **full-time** in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipate enrollment for current high school seniors ·
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrate strong leadership abilities in their community and/or advocacy efforts in their TRIO/EOP community.

The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. How has TRIO/EOP impacted your leadership skills and abilities? How do you plan to continue your leadership within your community and/or TRIO/EOP?
 3. Why the EOA Emerging Leaders Institute Scholarship is important to you.

Ralph L. Pruitt Scholarship – OHIO

Overview

The Ralph Pruitt Fund was the first fund established by the EOA Foundation and the first scholarship funded by EOA. Dr. Ralph Pruitt was a math professor at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Pruitt was one of the founders of EOA. Award is non-renewable.

Award

One award of \$1,000 to Ohio. (The scholarship awards are distributed based on the existing chapter rotation schedule.) The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria,

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP participant;
2. Be enrolled **full-time** in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipate enrollment for current high school seniors;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular and/or community activities.

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA and Ohio at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. Your co-curricular and/or community involvement.
 3. Why the EOA Ralph Pruitt Scholarship is important to you.

Silas Purnell Scholarship – MO-KAN-NE and OHIO

Overview

The Silas Purnell Scholarship Fund was established by the Board of Directors of the EOA Foundation in 2000. Initial support was provided by two Foundation board members and the Illinois Chapter of EOA. Silas Purnell worked for Talent Search at the Ada S. McKinley Community Center, Chicago. He served needy and deserving students for 34 years and is known nationally as an advocate for equal access for low-income and first-generation students. He is directly responsible for thousands of students gaining access to, and succeeding in, higher education. Silas has many alumni who participated in his Talent Search Program in Chicago who have gone on to accomplish great things in higher education and in the private sector throughout the nation. This award is non-renewable.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to each **MO-KAN-NE and OHIO**. Each year one or more chapters are eligible to receive this scholarship. The scholarship awards are distributed based on the existing chapter rotation schedule. The applicant selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria,

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP participant;
2. Be enrolled **full-time** in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipate enrollment for current high school seniors;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Show financial need as defined by TRIO criteria* by providing a copy of their financial aid award letter or other documentation of family financial status;
5. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular and/or community activities.

*[TRIO Financial Need Criteria](#)

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA and MO-KAN-NE or EOA and OHIO at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. Specific description of your plan to obtain your baccalaureate degree.
 3. Why the EOA Silas Purnell Scholarship is important to you.

Arnold Mitchem/Ronald E. McNair Graduate Fellowship – IOWA and MICHIGAN

Overview

The Arnold Mitchem/Ronald E. McNair Graduate Fellowship was founded and funded initially by the Wisconsin chapter of EOA. The award is to assist students pursuing Master's Degree, Ed.D, or Doctorate Degree. (It does not include terminal or professional degrees.) Fellowship recipients will be designated as Mitchem Graduate Fellows. The applicant selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter, no further review. This award is non-renewable.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to each **IOWA and MICHIGAN** Chapters. The scholarship awards are distributed based on the existing Chapter rotation schedule.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. A current TRIO/EOP program participant during the scholarship award year;
2. Plan to enroll in graduate school as a **full-time** student (min. 9 credits per semester or 12 credits per quarter) by the fall semester immediately following application competition
3. A student whose goal is to obtain a masters' and/or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university.

**NOTE: Students enrolled in the following programs shall NOT be eligible: Law School, MBA Program, Medical School (except joint M.D/Ph.D. programs), Veterinary Medicine (except joint Vet/Med Ph.D. programs) and Labor and Industrial Relations (except joint LIR/Ph.D. programs); and*

4. Have a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale in undergraduate school.

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA and IOWA or EOA and MICHIGAN at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Two Letters of Recommendation from Nominator (One from Nominator and the other from a faculty member), these will be uploaded to the application form. Letters should be double-spaced and not exceed 2 pages.
- Verification that the student is actively enrolled in a graduate program at a four-year college or university (e.g. current course schedule) and verification of current Grade Point Average (e.g. unofficial transcript)
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. Your commitment to academic excellence
 2. Your graduate and professional goals
 3. Your community and/or leadership involvement including
 4. Your multicultural activities and contributions
 5. How TRIO/EOP has impacted your academic journey
 6. Your plan to give back to the EOA organization, nominating TRIO/EOP program, high school, college or community

Veterans Scholarship – ALL

Overview

The Veterans Scholarship fund was established in collaboration with the EOA Foundation and the EOA Board of Directors. The scholarship is to help veterans with educational expenses as they pursue higher education. This award is non-renewable.

Awards

Two awards of \$500 to two EOA recipients. This scholarship is open to all EOA Chapters. However, one chapter may not receive more than one award per year. Each Chapter may select a **semifinalist** (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, and Ohio). The EOA Committee will have a panel of readers to select the finalist for the current year award.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an honorably discharged veteran or current member of the Armed Services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard) to include the Reserve and National Guard;
2. Be enrolled **full-time** in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year;
3. Be a current or former participant in a TRIO or EOP program in the EOA region.

****This scholarship does not have a minimum GPA requirement.****

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. A specific description of your plan to obtain your baccalaureate degree.
 3. Why is the EOA Veterans Scholarship important to you?

EOA Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship – ALL

Overview

The EOA Foundation scholarships are sponsored by the EOA Foundation Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective Chapters and the state Chapter scholarship committees select the recipients. These scholarships are awarded by the EOA Foundation and are non-renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee for the EOA Foundation Scholarship will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs. This award is non-renewable.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to each state within the EOA region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin). Ten \$1,000 EOA Foundation Scholarships are available in this application year.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a **current college or adult learner** TRIO/EOP participant;
2. Be enrolled **full-time** in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipate enrollment for returning adult learners;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; GPA requirement waived for participants in EOC or Veterans Upward Bound;and;
4. Demonstrates involvement in co-curricular or community activities.

The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of TRIO or educational opportunity program on your education.
 2. Your co-curricular and/or community involvement.
 3. Why the EOA Foundation Scholarship is important to you.

Tendaji Ganges Memorial Scholarship – OHIO

Overview

This scholarship is sponsored by the EOA Foundation Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO professionals in their respective Chapters. This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee for the EOA Tendaji Ganges Scholarship will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

Award

One award of \$1,000 to **OHIO** (chapter recipient rotates annually). This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is renewable. The Foundation will commit \$1,000 each year to a student, up to four years annual verification of postsecondary attendance for a total of \$4,000. One Ganges Memorial scholarship is available in 2020 and is awarded each year, rotated among the chapters. The rotation will start with the state of MINNESOTA and be distributed alphabetically thereafter.

Eligibility

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be from first-generation or low-income background or is a student with a disability
2. Be a **graduating high school senior** with anticipated **full time** enrollment in an accredited two or four-year post-secondary institution. Enrollment must be verified at the time of awarding of the scholarship and verified annually;
3. Has cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrates involvement in co-curricular or community activities.

*****This scholarship is open to graduating high-school seniors only.*****

The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. Your co-curricular and/or community involvement.
 3. Why the EOA Tendaji Ganges Memorial Scholarship is important to you.

Charles Cantale Award for Leadership and Service-OHIO

Overview

Charles (Chuck) Cantale served EOA, EOAF, the Minnesota TRIO chapter and students admirably. He was a charter member of the Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) when it was founded on August 31, 1975 as MAEOPP, was a charter member of the Educational Opportunity Association Foundation (EOAF) and served as its first President from 1982 – 2000. Chuck raised more than \$340,000 for the Foundation as president and established the Foundation's first fundraising initiatives, including the Buck-A-Day, Buck-A-Week and the Buck-A-Month clubs. He endowed the Charles Cantale Award for Leadership and Service and continues to contribute to ensure its growth. The award is non-renewable.

Awards

One award of \$1,000 to **OHIO**. The scholarship awards are distributed based on the existing chapter rotation schedule. The applicant selected by the chapter's scholarship committee will be the recipient of that chapter.

Eligibility

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP student within the EOA region;
2. Be enrolled **full-time** in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and
4. Demonstrates entrepreneurial skills/abilities and commits those skills in service of a greater good. Entrepreneurial skills may include but are not limited to creativity/innovation, networking with others, working effectively in a team, leadership, constructive risk-taking, and a strong work ethic.

The nominator must be a current EOA and OHIO TRIO member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. Your commitment to using entrepreneurial skills in service of a greater good.
 3. Why the Charles Cantale Award for Leadership and Service is important to you.

Robert Jenkins Memorial Scholarship – ALL

Overview

After Robert Jenkins retired from the Air Force, he continued his love and passion for education by working with the Higher Education Consortium of Metropolitan St. Louis Educational Talent Search (ETS) program for 23 years until retiring in 2014. While working full-time for ETS Robert also served as a member of EOA and was the organization's treasurer until retiring in 2015. Robert was committed to broadening student access and success in formal and post-secondary education. EOA recognized him as an Honorary Professional Member and in 2018, he was inducted into the MKN (Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska) Hall of Fame.

This endowed scholarship is established by the EOA Foundation in collaboration with the EOA Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective Chapters and selected through a process administered jointly by EOA and the EOA Foundation. This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is non-renewable.

Awards

One award of \$1,000. Each Chapter may select a **semifinalist** (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin).

Eligibility:

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be from a first-generation or low-income background and/or is a student with a disability;
2. Be an **ETS participant** who is a **graduating high school senior** with anticipated **full time** enrollment in an accredited two or four-year post-secondary institution;
3. Have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular and/or community activities.

****This scholarship is open to graduating high-school seniors in an Educational Talent Search program only.****

The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.

Application Materials

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. Your co-curricular and/or community involvement.
 3. Why the Robert Jenkins Memorial Scholarship is important to you.

BRIDGES AND LADDERS LGBTQ+ Scholarship – ALL

Overview

This endowed scholarship is established by the EOA Foundation. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective Chapters and selected through a process administered jointly by EOA and the EOA Foundation. This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is non-renewable.

Awards:

One award of \$1,000. Each Chapter may select a **semifinalist** (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin).

Eligibility:

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP student within the EOA region;
2. Be enrolled **full-time** in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and
4. Demonstrates leadership, involvement, and experiences that intersect with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally community (LGBTQ+).

**The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline.
(Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).**

Application Materials:

The nominator must submit the following materials in **.pdf or image file** in order for their application to be complete:

- Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Student essay (double-spaced and not exceeding 2 pages) describing:
 1. The impact of a TRIO or Educational Opportunity Program on your education.
 2. Demonstrate your leadership, involvement, and/or experiences that intersect with the LGBTQ+ and/or Ally community.
 3. Why the LGBTQ+ scholarship is important to you.

James B. Hamilton and Thomas G. Mortenson Student Research Award – ALL

Overview

Dr. James Hamilton (1933-1994) was a strong supporter of TRiO and EOP programs developing research and data to support the importance of programs and services for low-income and first-generation students. **Mr. Thomas G. Mortenson** is a Senior Scholar at the Pell Institute. He edits and publishes Postsecondary Education Opportunity (PEO), a monthly research newsletter devoted to analysis and reporting on the demographics and socio-political nature of educational opportunity after high school.

Award:

One award of \$1,000 (non-renewable). The EOA Foundation will make one award for the best student proposal for research consistent with the goals and purpose of EOA.

Eligibility:

1. Be a current participant or recent graduate of a TRiO/EOP program (within 2 years).
2. Be enrolled as a full-time student by the fall semester immediately following application competition **Note:** Full-time enrollment verification required. (*Undergrad-12 hours Graduate- 9 hours per semester or 12 hours per quarter*).
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Be conducting a research project that is consistent with the goals and purposes of EOA.
5. Be nominated by a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline

The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline. (Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).

Application Materials:

The nominator must submit the following materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Two Letters of Recommendation (*one from nominator and one from faculty project advisor*)
- Copy of unofficial academic transcript, including current semester schedule
- Completion of Research Proposal Application Form
- Uploads- 2 letters of recommendation from the Nominator and Faculty Advisor
 - Timeline
 - Budget Narrative
 - Supplemental Materials: IRB Approval, TRiO/EOP Director's Approval, etc.
- Final Report: **submitted by May 15 of the following year** with a description of project status, timeline of completion, expenditures and final dissemination.

You must use this form to apply: <https://forms.gle/QPd79eF2T5jMTNzy5>

James B. Hamilton and Thomas G. Mortenson TRIO/EOP Professional Research Award – ALL

Overview

Dr. James Hamilton (1933-1994) was a strong supporter of TRiO and EOP programs developing research and data to support the importance of programs and services for low-income and first-generation students. **Mr. Thomas G. Mortenson** is a Senior Scholar at the Pell Institute. He edits and publishes Postsecondary Education Opportunity (PEO), a monthly research newsletter devoted to analysis and reporting on the demographics and socio-political nature of educational opportunity after high school.

Award:

One award of \$1,000 (non-renewable). The EOA Foundation will make one award for the best proposal by a TRIO/EOP professional for research consistent with the goals and purpose of EOA.

Eligibility-Current TRIO/EOP Professional:

(Application may be an individual or a group of professionals)

1. Be current TRIO/EOP program personnel during the scholarship award year.
2. Be an EOA member in good standing. EOA professionals may apply on their own behalf. *A nominator is not required.*
3. Be conducting research that advances existing knowledge and best practices in college access, equity or completion specifically as it affects TRIO/EOP eligible students.
4. If applicant is not the project director, then a memo from project director affirming applicant's project must be included.

Application Materials:

The applicant must submit the following materials in order for their application to be considered complete:

- Completion of Research Proposal Application Form
- Uploads-
 - Letter of Support from professional familiar with your project, e.g. supervisor, faculty advisor, colleague, etc.
 - Timeline
 - Budget Narrative
 - Supplemental Materials: IRB Approval, TRIO/EOP Director's Approval, etc.

Final Report: **submitted by May 15 of the following year** with a description of project status, timeline of completion, expenditures and final dissemination.

You must use this form to apply: <https://forms.gle/QPd79eF2T5jMTNzy5>

Scoring

Rubrics and scoring sheets can be provided to the State/Chapter Scholarship chair to be used as a tool for scoring purposes.

It is important to note that only **four** scholarships require a SEMIFINALIST to be given to the EOA Scholarship Committee. The remaining scholarships allow each State/Chapter to select their finalist – they must meet eligibility criteria – with no further review by the EOA Scholarship committee (The EOA Scholarship Chair will verify eligibility). It is highly encouraged that each state/chapter has a clear scoring rubric that must align with the EOA Scholarship eligibility and criteria.

The following scholarships require a SEMIFINALIST to be selected: **Emerging Leaders Institute Scholarship, Veterans Scholarship, Robert Jenkins Memorial Scholarship, and the Bridges and Ladders LGBTQ+ Scholarship**. The scoring rubric for each scholarship can be found below. The EOA Scholarship Committee and their readers will utilize these rubrics to help determine the recipient of each award.

Scholarship Rubric Scoring Rubric 45 points possible						Subtotal Score
I. Applicant meets minimum GPA for scholarship? (if applicable)						Yes or No ?
II. Student Writing Essay (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced)—max. 25pts						
A. Shows impact of TRIO/EOP on his/her education success	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
B. Provides examples of applicant's co-curricular, leadership, or community involvement	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
C. Clearly Expresses why scholarship is important to them	(5) Very Strong	(4) Strong	(3) Average	(2) Below Average	(1) Weak	
III. Letter of Recommendation from EOA Member (no more than two pages, typed, double-spaced)—max. 15 pts						
A. Articulates applicant's strengths and commitment to carrying out the Ideals of TRIO/EOP. Provides observed skills, traits, accomplishments, or passions.	(10) Very Strong	(8) Strong	(6) Average	(4) Below Average	(2) Weak	
B. Overall Letter (letter is well-organized; has developed ideas regarding the abilities, potential, character and leadership skills of the applicant)	(5) Very Strong	(4) Strong	(3) Average	(2) Below Average	(1) Weak	
IV. Overall Assessment-max. 5 pts						
Overall Essay & supporting documents (essay is well-organized; has developed ideas and clear focus; few or no grammatical errors, focused answers. Applicant represents the ideals of TRIO/EOP.)	(5) Very Strong	(4) Strong	(3) Average	(2) Below Average	(1) Weak	

Total Points (add I through IV – maximum 45) _____

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